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Government of Madras

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

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" " of Bellary,	" 25th Feb. "	239-Ind.
" " of Chingleput,	" 1st Dec. 1888, "	2523-Ind.
" " of Coimbatore,	" 27th Feb. 1889, "	185.
" " of Cuddapah,	" 4th Mar. "	1471.
" " of Ganjam,	" 15th Jan. "	204.
" " of Kistna,	" 13th Mar. 1889, "	1383.
" " of " "	" 13th " 1891, "	1961.
" " of " "	" 3rd " 1892, "	1701.
" " of " "	" 1st Dec. 1888, "	3565.
" " of Kurnool,	" 14th Mar. 1889, "	26.
" " of Madura,	" 6th Apl. "	708-Ver.
" " of Nellore,	" 28th May "	817-Tour.
" " of " "	" 23rd " "	1052.
" " of Salem,	" 30th Sept. 1890, "	2026.
" " of " "	" 29th Apr. 1889, "	265.
" " of Tanjore,	" 23rd Feb. "	136.
" " of Tinnevely,	" 20th Dec. 1888, "	645-4.
" " of Trichinopoly,	" 24th Feb. 1889, "	471.
" " of Vizagapatam,	" " " "	"

RESOLUTION—dated 25th November 1892, No. 759.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1892.

Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records
and Agriculture),

MADRAS.

Quint. - Number 10606

Printed December 14th.

Read 13th

Proceedings, 25th November 1892, No. 759.

Passing orders on levy of water-rate on areas
irrigated by water conveyed in pots.

10606 of 1892

For Orders.

In the Prop. read
above the Board of Revenue

(1) passes orders on the ques-
-ion of levy of water-rate on
areas irrigated by water con-
-veyed in pots; and incidentally

(2) interprets a ruling
contained in G.O. 8, 13-8-88 No 575.

2/. Taking the second first.
The original G.O. 8, 13-8-88 No 575
is not forthcoming in the records
and further search is being made.

The question is whether
the alternative courses contem-
-plated in the "discretion" referred
to in the second sentence of the
G.O. are,

(a) To charge according to
actual area irrigated, and

(b) not to charge at all,
as understood by the Collector
of Salem; or, as the G.O. is
now interpreted by the Board,

(a,) To charge on actual area
and

(b,) To charge at a minimum.

the practice followed in their districts in the matter of charging irrigation of the description under consideration and to give particulars as to the approximate area irrigated in this way, and the water-rate if any, levied thereon — vide the closing sentence of para 1 of the B.P. And it does not appear that the collectors were asked to give their opinion on the question of charging such irrigation.

In these circumstances, it is submitted for consideration whether it is not desirable to request the Board to call upon Collectors to report on the advisability of charging water-rate in the manner proposed by the Board and to hold the Board's order in abeyance in the meantime.

P.V. Submitted that the Bd's interpretation of G.O. $\frac{575}{13.8.88}$ is wrong, and the construction given upon it leads to vexatious

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Re. Levy of water-rate in certain cases.

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vexatious interference. The discretion should be the Sanatani office was to charge or not to charge on these small patches. The amount of revenue involved is very small and out of proportion to the trouble entailed in collecting it.

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G.O. of 15 Feb 1893 no 170

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The Board's proposal in para 6 of its Prop read above is approved but backyards and plantation should be altogether exempted from the proposed charge.

2. With reference to para 5 of the Prop the Board will be informed that the discretion allowed to the jamahandi officer in G.O. of 13.8.88 no 575 is either to charge on actual area or not to charge at all when the area irrigated is less than 10 aunts.

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P.C. Des. 9.3.93

I think so.

It is presumed that para 1 of the above draft expresses the view taken by Govt

18TH FEBRUARY 1893, No. 170, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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" of "	"	13th	" 1891,	" 1961.
" of "	"	2nd	" 1892,	" 1704.
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Resolution—dated 25th November 1892, No. 75).

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2. The replies of the Collectors show that the practice of irrigating crops with water conveyed in pots is not carried on to any large extent, that in Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Kurnool, South Arcot, Trichinopoly, Madura and Tinnevely, such irrigation is not charged, while in Nellore, Anantapur, Bellary, North Arcot, Tanjore, Coimbatore and Salem it is charged in some of the taluks, but not in others. In Kistna, Cuddapah, Chingleput and Godavari, the charge appears to be levied in all the taluks; but in the last-named district, the charge, as already stated, is confined to lands other than backyards.

3. The subjoined abstract shows the area irrigated with water carried in pots and the water-rate levied thereon, as far as information is available and has been furnished by Collectors:—

Districts.	Faali 1295.		Faali 1296.		Faali 1297.	
	Extent.	Water-rate.	Extent.	Water-rate.	Extent.	Water-rate.
	ACS.	RS.	ACS.	RS.	ACS.	RS.
Ganjam *	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vizagapatam ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Godavari †	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kistna ..	555	..	461	..	721	..
Nellore ..	..	..	..	..	95	183
Cuddapah ..	..	..	..	..	7	25
Anantapur ..	4	10	8	18	23	64
Bellary ..	35	47	18	37	135	6
Kurnool ..	0.26	5	14	6	23	84
Chingleput ..	23	40	21	65	..	..
North Arcot ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Arcot ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tanjore ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Trichinopoly ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Madura ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tinnevely ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coimbatore ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Salem ..	2	3	112	100	800	1,042

* No accounts kept.

† Amount of water-rate levied not given.

4. The only districts where the areas thus irrigated are worth noticing are Godavari and Salem. The Collector of Salem, Mr. G. Stokes, points out, however, that this so-called pot-irrigation is no irrigation at all; that the greater portion of the area charged in that district occurs in the Hosur taluk, where water conveyed in pots is used for watering chillies and tobacco, and that only two or three times until the seedlings take root. The land is never flooded nor does the water flow on it and the crops are grown entirely by rain. In most cases, the areas planted are very small, 1 to 9 cents, and Mr. Stokes states that he has remitted the charge where the extent was below 10 cents, with reference to paragraph 3 of Standing Order No. 4.

5. Mr. Stokes is clearly under a misapprehension in supposing that paragraph 3 of Standing Order No. 4 empowers a jamabandi officer to remit the charge for water-rate where the irrigated area is less than 10 cents. This paragraph of the Standing Order is based on G.O., dated 13th August 1888, No. 575, in which Government, while directing that the old half-acre rule should be given up and that the charge for water-rate should be calculated on the actual area irrigated, adopted also the suggestion of the Collector of Tinnevely to leave the charge to be levied on areas less than 10 cents in extent to the discretion of jamabandi officers. That suggestion was to relax the old half-acre rule and to charge on the area actually irrigated where the extent was below 10 cents, the half-acre rule being applied in all other cases. Government, however, having dispensed with the half-acre rule altogether, the discretion intended to be granted by it to jamabandi officers in regard to areas less than 10 cents, was evidently to charge either on actual area or at a minimum of 10 cents. This is the sense in which the order should be read, and it is clear that remission of the charge was not contemplated by the orders on the subject.

6. In the case of irrigation by water taken in pots, the usual abatement for lift is, of course, allowed; but beyond this, it seems unnecessary to make any concession or distinction in favour of this method of irrigation as compared with irrigation by lift from wells or channels by means of mechanical contrivances. If the area irrigated is small, the charge also will be correspondingly small, and it appears to the Board that exemption from charge is uncalled for and might lead to abuse.

(A true extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
,, all Collectors.

ORDER—dated 18th February 1893, No. 170, Revenue.

Irrigation, No. 5.

The Board's proposal in paragraph 6 of its Proceedings read above is approved, but backyard cultivation carried on by means of water carried in pots should be altogether exempted from the proposed charge.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).

Exd C. M. Brisson.

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G.O., 18th February 1893, No. 170.

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Irrigation by water conveyed in
pots.

Approving the Board's proposal that it is unnecessary to make any concession in favour of — and informing the Board of Revenue that backyard cultivation carried on by means of water carried in pots should be altogether exempted and that the discretion allowed to jamabandi officers in G.O., dated 13th August 1888, No. 575, is either to charge on actual area or not to charge at all when the area irrigated is less than 10 cents.